

OLD COLLEGE BURNS.

A Few Ashes Now Where Once
Stood a Large Building.

LOSS COVERED BY BUT \$2,000.

Was Built for a Hotel and Used as Such
for Several Years. At the Time of the
Fire Three Families Were Living in It.
Most of the Household Goods Saved.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Shortly after seven o'clock last evening fire alarm No. 2 of the series was sounded and people on endeavoring to learn its location, were apprised of its whereabouts by a bright blaze north of the city. How persons may be misled as to exact locations at night is evidenced by the fact that there were differences of opinion as to exactly what was burning. The first impulse was that it was the sugar factory, but the shape of the flames assumed soon convinced people that it was the old college building.

On learning the location of the fire the department made no effort to reach it with their apparatus as it was entirely out of reach of their facilities. Individual members however hurried to the scene and rendered such assistance as lay in their power to save property.

The building was occupied by three families. The Bowers family lived in the north wing of the institution, Nethaways occupied rooms in the south portion, while the Vancleave family lived in the west rooms or kitchen portion.

The fire seemed to have its origin in the second story in the rooms occupied as sleeping apartments by the Nethaway family.

Mrs. Nethaway had been chatting with her neighbor, Mrs. Bowers, and when she started for home she heard a crackling of fire and gave the alarm. Mr. Nethaway had eaten his supper and started out toward the river when his wife ran out and told him the building was on fire. He returned and hurrying upstairs, entered the room in which they slept and saw that the fire had just started in some matting. He was unable to extinguish it and began to remove the articles in the room. He succeeded in saving considerable stuff by throwing it out of the window, with this was quite a large quantity of shot and two kegs of powder which he carried down. The bedding and other articles in the room he didn't have time to remove and they were destroyed. Among the things consumed were a large number of loaded shot gun shells, which kept up a popping accompaniment to the flames until the south side of the building was almost consumed.

Other assistance had arrived in the meantime and the belongings of the Nethaways downstairs and the personal property of the other two families was about all saved.

Mr. Nethaway moved into the building last March and had leased the rooms he occupied until the property should be sold by sheriff's sale which would have been done soon.

Mr. Bowers had a ton of coal in one of the rooms of his apartment which was burned without beneficial results to the owner.

A number of chickens belonging to one of the families occupied the basement. They were disturbed by the unusual occurrence but kept to their roosts until the building was nearly burned when they made their escape and darted about among the crowd in a dazed condition and were easily caught.

The building was a large frame structure three stories in height and it made a great fire. The spectacle presented as the flames rapidly consumed it was one of awful grandeur and the landscape was lit up for miles around. The fire starting on the south side, that portion of the building was almost consumed before the flames had worked around to the north against the wind which was blowing quite a gale. Dense clouds of smoke were developed but they were quickly borne away from the scene.

The time taken by the flames in completing their work of destruction was very short and in less than two hours the immense building was but a mass of coals. This morning the foundation of the building is all that is left and this is almost as clear as though the building had been moved off bodily.

The building was insured for but \$2,000, one-half of which was in the North America Insurance company and the other half in Connecticut Fire of Hartford. The building originally cost many times that amount and at the time of the fire was worth several times the amount of insurance.

The owners of the structure were the trustees of the old college association, who purchased and moved it to its present location about four years ago. The structure was erected during the fall of 1884 and completed the following spring by Herman Tildenburg who conducted a hotel in his name for a number of years.

L. J. Reno was the next owner, he also using it for hotel purposes. During his ownership it twice caught on fire, the first time being in the kitchen. This was extinguished before very much damage was done. The second blaze was in the front part of the building, having its start in the bar-room. This time a large amount of damage was done, a considerable portion of the front apart-

ments being badly gutted. Mr. Reno did not repair the building but went out of business soon afterward.

The building was then idle until purchased by the college folks who moved it to its last location in Queen City Place addition and it was used for college purposes until the Congregational association decided that the Neligh college should receive its support, after which the school was closed and the building left vacant until occupied by the families above mentioned. It is understood that the college people had left a few articles in the building which were consumed, among which was a piano.

While it was not the most destructive fire in Norfolk's history it was probably the largest, the building having a 60-foot front and the main portion was nearly 100 feet deep, and as above mentioned, was three stories in height.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Dr. Campbell of Creighton is a visitor in Norfolk.

Rev. A. Hofius of Pierce was a city visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Herman Spiering, who resides on South First street, is very sick.

Mrs. Vandyke White of Wayne was a guest of Mrs. Robert Utter between trains yesterday.

Robert Utter went to Omaha on the early train this morning to attend to business interests.

Miss Ross of Lincoln is visiting her father who is chief engineer at the hospital for the insane.

Judge Wm. V. Allen came over from Madison last night and left this morning on a campaigning tour.

Miss Sadie True of Omaha will spend the winter with her cousin, S. W. True of this city, and attend school.

Valma Light has resigned his position at the sugar factory and has accepted a situation with A. J. Durland.

Gustave Nitz and wife have returned from a visit with his mother, Mrs. Belz, who is very sick at her home in Stanton.

It is announced that Hon. Charles A. Towne is to address the voters of Norfolk from a fusion standpoint on November 1st.

A. N. Wohlford, a fruit grower from California, spent the night in the city in company with T. F. Memminger of Madison.

John R. Hays came in from Neligh last night and, with Mrs. Hays, left for Bazile Mills today, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Schulz, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Korth went to Pierce Sunday to attend a birthday party given in honor of Mr. Korth's daughter.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Clara Bantrock to William Sporn which will take place next Sunday at Christ's Lutheran church.

B. S. Wyatt was in the city from Grand Island over night on his way west to look after the interests of the Singer Sewing Machine company.

There will be a graphophone concert given at the G. A. R. hall Friday evening, October 20, under the auspices of the Youth's Literary association. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

J. W. Armstrong, who has been an attendant for some time at the hospital for the insane, departed yesterday for Kansas City to accept a position in a wholesale hardware house.

Mrs. L. Levy, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. A. Bear, departed this morning for her home in Richmond, Va., having been called there on account of sickness.

Geo. E. Brown, who conducted a livery barn in Norfolk about 10 years ago, took the train here this morning for his home in Galt, California. He has been visiting in Plainview.

Miss Mattie Davenport, who has been spending the past three months in Spokane, Washington, with her sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Latimer, will leave there today on her return trip to Norfolk.

A number of the friends of Ferdinand Haase assisted him in celebrating his 58th birthday Sunday. The party was a surprise to Mr. Haase but proved none the less enjoyable, both to him and his friends.

John Shields and family of Warnerville are loading their personal property into a car and expect to depart tomorrow for Atlanta, Ill., their former home, where they will again take up their residence.

Newton B. Baird, passenger agent of the Toledo S. & L. & K. C. railroad, who came in on a visit to his old time friend, Agent F. W. Juneman, left this noon for St. Louis, Mo., where he makes his headquarters.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Scoggin have returned from Sioux City where they went to see President McKinley. They had a good view of the president, having attended the Sabbath school where he gave a short talk.

Superintendent R. W. Baxter and Assistant Superintendent N. W. Chapman, of the Union Pacific, came in from Columbus on the noon train in their special car and left the monthly pay checks behind as mementoes of their visit.

A jolly party of young people enjoyed a hay rack ride last night. Although the air was a trifle chilly the evening was perfect otherwise and it is safe to presume that the coolness of the atmos-

phere was not noticeable to the participants.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moldenhauer have returned from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Neuman, at Stanton. Yesterday they were presented with a handsome little granddaughter, who will make her home with the Neumans in the future.

Mr. Groat and Miss Shane, members of two prominent Pierce county families, will be married tomorrow at the home of the bride's mother. It is expected that the wedding will be attended by a large number of friends and a great time is anticipated.

Dr. C. A. McKim left on the noon train today for Omaha to attend a meeting of the Iowa and Nebraska State Veterinary Medical association. He will also attend the consecration of Rev. A. L. Williams as bishop coadjutor of Nebraska which takes place at Trinity cathedral tomorrow morning.

C. B. Durland, who visited Carroll yesterday on business, reports a great amount of damage done by the wind in that neighborhood Sunday. Numerous barns, corn cribs, windmills and small buildings were literally blown to pieces and it will take quite a large sum of money in the aggregate to repair the damage.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Eaton of the Baptist church are moving into the recently acquired parsonage of that society on South Fifth street, near Madison avenue. The church will next spring be moved onto the corner just south of the parsonage, making a very desirable property. Harry Loder, who has been occupying the dwelling, has moved his family into rooms over his place of business in the Schoerger block.

A fair-sized audience attended the performance of Monte Cristo at Marquardt's opera house last night. The leading characters carried out their part of the performance in a very satisfactory manner but some of their support was below the average. The play furnishes excellent opportunity for fine work on the part of the actors and is a story that appeals to the heart at each repetition. It requires a strong company to handle it well and a weak company would create a better impression with something of a lighter order.

A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Clark called on them last evening without announcing their intentions and agreeably surprised that worthy couple. They came with the intention of leaving a reminder of their visit, the party being in the nature of a pound social. A generous quantity of the necessities of life were contributed and consisted of almost everything from a pound of breakfast food to a sack of potatoes. Mrs. Clark has been ill since returning from an extended visit and the condition of the family was an object for charity which was unostentatiously dispensed as above noted.

About 2 o'clock this morning an intoxicated individual tried to enter the home of Carl Zuelow on Philip avenue and as Mr. Zuelow was employed at the asylum and therefore absent from home, the other members of the family were greatly alarmed. The daughter succeeded in arousing a near neighbor who came over and took charge of the fellow, brought him up town and turned him over to the officers who confined him in jail. On being searched by the officers \$16 in cash, two watches and a revolver were found on his person. He gave his name as Jas. Donlon of Grand Island. The judge this morning thought his offense would require about \$10 and costs to set him right, which he paid.

Will Rainey, formerly of this city, writes from San Francisco to a Norfolk friend, stating that he soon expects to sail on the training ship Hartford for New York, by way of Hong Kong which means that before he again reaches Norfolk he will have circumnavigated the globe. The young man was formerly a member of company L, Second regiment. After being discharged from that he joined the Seventh cavalry and went to Cuba. Returning from there he joined the navy at Chicago and has been in the service four or five months. He first went into training on the ship Independence but has since been transferred to the training ship Hartford. It will probably be four years before he can again visit Norfolk. By that time he will have become a full-fledged sailor and perhaps forever afterward be a devotee of Neptune.

W. P. Powell, Miss Sadie Powell, Joe Powell, J. Walter Powell and wife, Mrs. C. E. Hazen and son Philip started this morning on the early train for Fremont, where they will take the west bound train for their new home in Ashland, Oregon. Mr. Hazen will remain a short time longer to finish up his business, having some beets, potatoes and other products to dispose of, after which he will depart for the new home. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kidder, Jr., the remaining members of the family, will not depart until next spring owing to business matters. The family will make their home in the city of Ashland for the present until they decide on a location. This family, or the older members of it, have been residents of this vicinity for more than a quarter of a century past and have warm ties that are hard to sever, but will carry with them the best wishes of all who know them.

Word was received this morning from Omaha to the effect that Mrs. W. D.

Gallup had died this morning at her home in Omaha and her remains would probably be brought here for interment on the noon train tomorrow. The cause of her death is not known. Mr. Gallup is a conductor on the F. E. & M. V. and made this his home for several years. His run was changed and his family was removed to Oakdale. From there they moved to Omaha. While living here they buried a child several years ago, and they probably always looked upon Norfolk as home. Mrs. Gallup was a prominent member of the Eastern Star lodge of this city and the ladies of that order will probably have charge of the funeral rites. The suddenness of her death comes as a blow to her many Norfolk friends, none of whom had looked for anything of the kind. Mrs. Dean was in Omaha and visited her a few days ago and at that time, while she was not feeling first rate, it was not thought that there was anything serious behind her indisposition.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Fred Madsen is on the sick list.

Rev. Geo. Kliver of Ewing is in the city today.

Conductor S. L. Miller of the Elkhorn is on the sick list.

E. O. Mount left this morning on a business trip to Eagle Grove.

Dave Owens brought in a carload of cattle from Wyoming last night.

Mrs. J. W. Andrews of Meadow Grove is visiting Norfolk relatives and friends.

Louis Schenzel and bride will occupy a house on Philip avenue near Fourth street.

Miss Ross has returned to Lincoln after a short visit with her father at the asylum.

Miss Lizzie Semmler has accepted a position as clerk with the Johnson Dry Goods company.

W. W. Carrabine has quit his position as cook at the Pacific hotel and left today for Omaha.

Judge J. B. Barnes returned last night from Hartington where he had been on professional business.

Col. S. S. Cotton is improving his property on North Ninth street by the construction of new sidewalks.

Clair Blakely has been transferred from the position he has held at Pilger and is now employed in the train dispatcher's office at the junction.

The birthday of Birdie Kuhl was celebrated at their home in the Heights, Monday afternoon after school, by a large number of her little friends.

James Donlon was again before police court, this time on the charge of disorderly conduct, for which he was assessed a fine of \$2, which with costs amount to \$5.10.

Robert Bridge, jr., aged 28 years, died Monday night at his home in Fremont and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bridge and the father of these two gentlemen, who has been making this his home, departed for that city this morning to attend the last rites. The deceased has visited here and is well known to many Norfolk people.

Miss Rose Trout, who has for the past five years given excellent satisfaction as head waiter at the Oxnard hotel, left on the noon train for North Bend, where she will visit a few weeks with her mother. From there she will go to Chicago and spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Dushane. She may return in the spring and resume her duties but is not certain. Miss Trout is well liked by the Oxnard force, who regret her departure, but hope that she may return.

The entertainment given by the Heywoods at Marquardt's opera house last evening proved to be most satisfactory to those who attended, all of whom were well pleased with the evening's amusement. The music furnished by Miss Estella Merica, violiniste, was very pleasing, she proving to be a finished performer on the instrument. The one-act society drama "Drifted Apart" was of a high order and was well acted by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin. "The Way of a Woman" was also well played and proved most interestingly laughable. The piano playing and singing were of a high class of perfection and were most pleasing to the music loving people present. The company gave every evidence of its just claim to the title "Celebrities."

The body of the late Mrs. W. D. Gallup will arrive tomorrow at the 12:35 and will be met at the Junction by friends who will escort the funeral party and the hearse containing the remains to the First Congregational church, where short funeral services will be held at 12:30, and the cortege will then proceed to Prospect Hill cemetery, where interment will take place. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. John Jefferies of the Second Congregational church. Members of the Eastern Star will prepare the grave at the cemetery.

Mrs. Gallup was 37 years of age at the time of her death, and when last seen by Norfolk friends appeared robust and hearty, giving no evidence as far as outward appearances were concerned, of her approaching end. It is understood that an attack of quincy was responsible for her death.

An advance in wages was announced at the sugar factory this morning. Manager Wietzer receiving a telegram from

Mr. E. C. Howe, general manager of the company's plants, to this effect. On common labor the raise is from 12 1/2 cents to 15 cents an hour, men handling the stations to receive a corresponding advance. This advance in wages on the part of the sugar company is entirely voluntary. The movement was made without the knowledge of the men, of whom the company had no difficulty in securing all required for the operation of the factory at the old rate of wages. Since the campaign started the runs have been averaging higher than ever before. During last week the factory cut between 370 and 380 tons of beets every 24 hours, producing a very fine quality of sugar. The advance in wages at the factory will be very gratifying to the men employed, as well as all others who are interested in the progress of the workingmen of the town. The company's action shows that the Oxnards are mindful of the welfare of their employees, and that they are willing to pay high current wages.

SOUTH NORFOLK.

The foundation is being laid for the addition to Roland's store.

Mrs. M. P. Fleming has returned from her visit to Jefferson, Iowa.

O. A. Harshman attended the A. O. U. W. day exercises in Omaha last Saturday.

Mrs. M. L. Ogden was called to Rockwell City, Iowa, on Saturday, by a telegram announcing that her mother was very sick.

Conductor J. K. Hutcherson is taking Conductor Gallup's place on the Verdigris-Omaha run for a few days. The latter is laying off on account of his wife's death.

The largest variety of goods and the lowest prices in Norfolk at "The Variety" store in the Richards block.

MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT
Another Decision in the Famous "Owl Lake" Land Case.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Oct. 18.—The famous "Owl Lake" land case, which has been in the courts since 1895, has been acted upon in the Iowa supreme court.

At the time of the construction of the old Fort Ridgely road, now the Minneapolis and St. Louis, the swamp lands of Humboldt county were given to the road. Later the Owl lake was decided by the road to George R. Pearson, who is the father-in-law of Congressman Dolliver.

The supreme court sustained the decision of the lower court in favor of the Pearsons. Attorney General Remley threatens to appeal the case to the United States courts.

Decision in Hancock County Seat Fight.
DES MOINES, Oct. 18.—The supreme court yesterday decided the famous Hancock county seat fight. After 30 years, during all of which the seat had been at Concord, a village of 200; the ambitious little cities of Britt and Garner sought to get the seat. Garner was only a mile from Concord. By agreement Garner annexed Concord and then offered the county \$30,000 to build a new court house in the old town. The supreme court enjoins acceptance and says if Concord had annexed Garner it would have been regular, but as Garner annexed Concord the new town cannot claim the county seat.

Lively Bidding for Iowa Central.
MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Oct. 18.—It will be two years before the Iowa Central railroad can be absorbed by any of the larger systems, as the meeting of the owners has passed and another will not be held until that time," said J. N. Tittmore, acting general manager of the Iowa Central, yesterday. "There has been lively bidding on Central stock by both the Milwaukee and Burlington companies, with the result that the stock has gone up and neither company has been able to secure control. I think it will only be a question of time when the Central will be absorbed by one of the larger systems."

Beet Sugar Convention at Clear Lake.
CLEAR LAKE, Ia., Oct. 18.—Iowa people interested in the manufacture of beet sugar met in convention here today. Delegations came from numerous towns who are trying to establish factories. Among the speakers were Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, Thomas R. Cutler of Utah, Henry T. Oxnard of New York, E. H. Dyer of Cleveland and others. The culture of beets, systems of securing contracts with farmers, methods of raising capital, etc., were all explained by men of experience.

Postmaster Convicted of Perjury.
WINTERSSET, Ia., Oct. 18.—A. L. Wood, postmaster at Winterset, was convicted yesterday of perjury, in the district court. Wood was twice a member of the Iowa legislature. Other cases against him will be tried later.

Preacher Charged With Bigamy.
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Oct. 18.—Rev. Rex Norris was arrested at Newhall, Benton county, on a charge of bigamy. The information causing his arrest came from Helena, Mon. Rev. Norris refuses to make a statement.

Cattle for Sale.
I have constantly on hand and for sale good native cattle for feeding purposes. Prices as low as the market affords. Call and get prices and terms.
JOHN SHANNON.
Hoskins, Neb.

MFN AND WOMEN
Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. For pleasing results use Dr. Kilmor's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy. At druggists. Sample bottle free, also pamphlet. Address, Dr. Kilmor & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

FIGHTING AT MAFEKING

Prolonged Engagement Occurs
With Result In Doubt.

BOERS HOLD THEIR POSITION WELL

Conflict Is Marked by Deeds of Daring on Both Sides—Dozen Boers Reported Killed—British Loss Not Ascertained. Heavy Firing Also Heard to the South.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—A dispatch from Pretoria says:

A cyclist dispatch was received from Ottershoep, near Mafeking, asserting that heavy firing had been in progress all day long north of Mafeking. The British troops on board an armored train acted as a covering force to military engineers engaged in repairing the track. A Maxim gun on the train kept up a continuous fire.

Conspicuous bravery was displayed on both sides, but it soon became apparent that the rifles of the burghers were ineffective against an armored train. The latter, however, was once forced to retreat before a particularly strong assault, but it soon returned accompanied by a British mounted contingent and the fighting was renewed fiercely.

Fighting still continues, the Boers holding their positions well. A dozen Boers were killed or wounded, but the British casualties cannot be ascertained.

Heavy firing can be heard south of Mafeking, where General Cronje's command is operating.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The Morning Post's Ladysmith correspondent telegraphs that the Basutos have risen against the Free State.

COLESBERG, Oct. 18.—It is persistently reported from widely different sources that a large force of Boers resolutely attacked Mafeking on Friday and after several hours' fighting were repulsed with heavy loss.

Boers Destroy Railway.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—No further reliable news from Mafeking has been received. Dr. Leyds, the plenipotentiary of the South African republic to European governments, is said to be going to Berlin shortly to confer with political personages.

A special dispatch from Pretoria says the Boers destroyed the Bechuanaland railway during Friday night from Lobatse to Arvoeg Kop. The Standard's Dundee correspondent telegraphing Monday night says the Boers have brought artillery from Newcastle and are destroying the railway at Ingagane in order to prevent the approach of our armored train.

The foremost detachment of the enemy's northern column has not advanced beyond Ingagane and no definite movement has been made from the Drakenberg pass.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Glencoe telegraphs that General Sir William Symons says there are only 3,000 mounted men in the Boer columns immediately north of Ladysmith, but that there are large numbers of men on foot. The horses of the Boers are in wretchedly poor condition and the men look worn out. The Boers are robbing all natives traversing the Transvaal.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says W. P. Schreiner, the Cape premier, was only induced to sign the decree proclaiming martial law in the northern parts of Cape Colony after Sir Alfred Milner gave him the option of signing or resigning.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 18.—Communication with Belmont station, 69 miles south of Kimberley, is still open. The fight with the armored train from Kimberley, in which the Boers lost more men than they did at "Majuba" hill, is held to prove that their shooting is not so good as it is reputed to be.

CONFINE BUSINESS TO WAR.

Queen Addresses Parliament on Reassembly—No General Legislation.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Parliament opened yesterday in extraordinary session to consider the South African situation. In the speech from the throne the queen said:

"MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN: The state of affairs in South Africa has made it expedient that my government should be enabled to strengthen the military forces of this country by calling out the reserve. For this purpose the provisions of the law render it necessary that parliament should be called together."

"There are many subjects of domestic interest to which your attention will be invited at a later period, when the ordinary season for the labors of a parliamentary session has been reached. For the present I have invited your attendance in order to ask you to deal with an exceptional exigency and I pray that your attention you may have the guidance and blessing of Almighty God."

Related dispatches from the scene of action in South Africa throw little fresh light upon the situation. The Boers appear to be strengthening their position in Natal and biding their own time for attack. The Orange Free State burghers are threatening to invade Cape Colony by way of Norvalpoot and Ailwathorth, both of which are at their mercy if they possess artillery.

Quarantine Case Goes Over.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—In the United States supreme court yesterday an agreement was reached between the counsel on both sides for the postponement of the hearing in the controversy between the states of Louisiana and Texas over the yellow fever quarantine until next Monday. The postponement was reached for the purpose of allowing a full bench to be present.

Jury Lingers for Three Days.
MARYVILLE, Mo., Oct. 17.—The jury in the case of G. G. Jesse, charged with the murder of Frank Griffin, editor of Griffin's Daily Review, is still out after having been deliberating for 72 hours. Little hope is now entertained that a verdict will be returned.